

## Declaration For U.S. Patent Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.  
I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original,  
first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for  
which a patent is sought on the invention entitled (INSERT TITLE) NERVE REGENERATION-  
INDUCING TUBE  
the specification of which

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of 1, 2, or 3.)

1.      is attached hereto.
2. X was filed on December 26, 2003 as  
International PCT Application No. PCT/JP2003/017014  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)
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U.S. Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified specification,  
including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this  
application as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign  
application for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign  
application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application for  
which priority is claimed:

(List prior  
foreign  
applications.)

	2002-379796	Japan	27/12/2002	Priority Claimed
	(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	<u>X</u> Yes <u>    </u> No
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     See attached list for additional prior foreign applications

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120, of any United States patent  
application listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is  
not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of  
Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as  
defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, which occurred between the filing date of  
the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status)
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